

There are black sheep in every fold, smudges on the whitest cloth, but, taking the game as a whole, I make bold to say that football is one of the cleanest sports in the world. The men who play it are almost universally respected for their conduct both on and off the field. Which brings me to another point. It is this: What are the prospects for any youngster who has sufficient skill to enter the more or less charmed circle of Saturday afternoon gladiators?

At the start, I would say that never in the history of the game will he be listened to with more attention; the scramble for players—as a certain famous International has recently confessed—is now at its height. Given good health, the necessary skill, comparative freedom from injury, and a real love for the game—the latter is essential—he should enjoy for at least ten years a life full of interest. If he is well advised, he will follow a regular occupation, during the years he plays professional football, so that when the speed goes out of his limbs and his feet have lost their cunning, he will have something substantial to fall back upon. But that is en parentheses, as it were.

Without being fanciful, let us see what alluring prospects are open to him, providing he is a really talented player. Such is football hero-worship nowadays, that he will soon bear a name that will be known all over Great Britain. He will share with Cabinet Ministers, successful comedians and film stars, the joy—if it be a joy—of seeing his photograph in newspapers and his name in headlines. He will hear himself addressed as "Sammy," "Willie," "Tommy" (whichever it may be), by acclaiming thousands, who will pay him homage that in the days when kings were fashionable would have been envied by many a lesser European monarch. He will pass from a nonentity into a celebrity, and, if he is sufficiently skilled, receive the not inconsiderable sum of £468 a year—payment at the rate of £9 a week all the year round. In addition to this, he may receive a substantial share in a transfer fee, while, if he is a sufficient number of years with the same club, he is fairly certain of getting a benefit. This may bring him in any-

thing from £250 to £500—perhaps more. To be perfectly fair, there is another side to the picture, but I must say that the majority of the men to whom I have spoken on the subject have told me that they have never regretted turning professional footballers. Many of these men, also, have been of a superior type. The fact is that a player of outstanding ability is bound to be treated well by any club for which he plays. As a crowd-drawing magnet, he is worth almost literally his weight in gold. Who can tell what money such men as "Fanny" Walden, the Tottenham idol, and John Cock, the great centre-forward of Chelsea, put into the pockets of their clubs last year? Either of them would draw a crowd on his own—Walden with that mazy footwork of his, which leaves both opponents and crowd astounded, and Cock with those electric dashes that frequently mean goals.

There is scarcely any phase of modern football which does not first gain and then hold the attention. If it were not so, you would not find everyone who is connected with a professional football team so keen on his job, and so quietly or vehemently (according to his temperament) enthusiastic. The most enthusiastic man of my acquaintance is chairman of directors of a football club which, until last year, had languished for many seasons in the slough of debt.

Not only has football, as a game, its romance and its glamour, but it carries humour as well. Many of the most amusing stories I have ever heard have concerned professional footballers. Big boys most of them, they see the salt of life—and practise it among themselves.

All unsuspected by the majority of them, professional footballers live in an atmosphere that is colourful and full of human interest. The fact that they earn their living at what to other people is play induces this. But, because their smaller world is very much like the larger stage on which we as average outsiders play our parts, they are akin with us. Look at a professional football team as it lines up for the start of a game, and you will see merely a number of men dressed in jerseys and football shorts; but get to know those men, study them at close quarters, and you will find all the elements that

make up life—humour, comedy, tragedy.

They are absorbing tales which are told to the privileged few behind the scenes of big football. You hear the personal weaknesses, idiosyncrasies, pet superstitions and pronounced dislikes of men whose playing prowess is famous the world over; you hear why a certain match would have been won if—; and why another game was lost because—.

Some of these tales—or distortions of them—drift through the walls of the dressing-rooms, directors' offices, and other private apartments on the great football grounds, and these, grotesque as many of them are, serve to whet the general appetite for the game and the men who play it.

If it is true that every house contains a novel, then every professional footballer is worth at least one short story. But no soul-historian has yet troubled about him, although, according to my thinking and short experience, professional football is a fiction field rich in promise—a field, moreover, that throughout the many years of the game's existence has been practically untapped.

Personally, if I may intrude a private note, I have found material for romances in football; not only in the actual game itself, but in the men who earn a living by playing it. I make no secret of the fact that I am an incurable football enthusiast myself, that many of the happiest hours of my life have been spent on the big football grounds of this country, and that a man who will talk football to me will always find a ready and sympathetic audience. Both in front and at the back of the curtain, football is the most interesting thing I know. That is why I try to write about it.

Balgownie and Woonoona played a scoreless draw in Gardiner Cup. They replay to-day.

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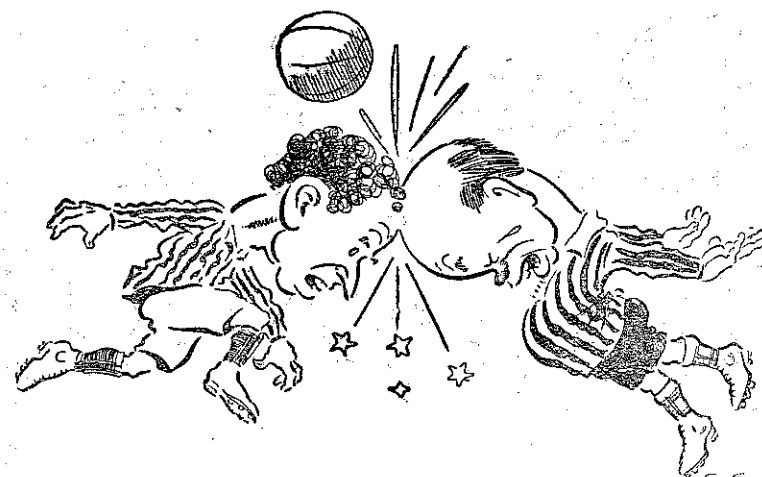
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TRAMWAY SOCCER.

Last Tuesday week Newcastle defeated Rozelle, two goals to one, at Wentworth Park. Newcastle scored a goal in each half, and Rozelle scored from a penalty in the second half.

Masters, Morrows and Hedges were best for Rozelle.

The Sunlight Club met Manly at Brookvale Park last Saturday, winning by three goals to nil. The first

score came from a splendid centre by Watson, Duggan netting with an unstoppable shot. Shortly after Denham crossed, and Watson sent in a beauty, giving the goalie no chance. In the second half Woods got possession in front of goal, and made no mistake. The backs of Sunlight were very sound, with Ewen and Brown a shade the best. The forwards were very even, Denham and Watson on the wings being a little superior on the day. This leaves Sunlight and Hornsby

on the same mark, runners up to Annandale Altona.

To-day Balmain Gladstone, Balmain Fernleigh and Sunlight hold in conjunction, a carnival and fancy dress football match at Easton Park. Several races will be run, including 110 yards championship of the three clubs. Messrs. Lever Bros. have kindly donated a guinea for a trophy for one of the events.

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EDITORIAL.

THE COST OF PLAYING.

It has become increasingly obvious since more money has been coming into the game that the cost of playing should be considerably lessened.

Most of the clubs in the Metropolitan Area require their players to pay an entrance fee, provide himself with uniform and pay weekly club fees. He also has to find other incidental expenses such as, payment of the Insurance Premiums, travelling expenses, etc. All these amount to a great deal in the aggregate, and when trips are made to either Newcastle or the South Coast, the cost is considerably heightened. Some clubs are able to provide their expenses out of gate takings. Others try per medium of concerts, dances, etc., to lessen the cost to the individual.

The Granville Association, out of the takings of Clyde Oval, aim to shoulder some of these expenses, as well as to provide playing areas for juvenile, junior, and all age teams, on which the clubs pay no ground fees.

In the remainder of the Metropolitan Area, except in isolated instances, ground fees are paid by both junior and senior clubs and these in turn are borne by the players since most clubs consist of only one team, a few reserves and perhaps a few enthusiastic workers. Gates are only taken at Wentworth Park, The S.C.G., Clyde Oval, Camp Rec., Easton Park, and

Ibrox Park, in the seniors and at Primrose Park in the juniors. Now that the Associations are better placed financially we should all strive in the future to work together with the object of securing more revenue, and of distributing some of that revenue so that the clubs which are building up our game may participate.

This would have the effect of lessening the cost of playing, and would be an indication to the player that those in authority are desirous that expenses incurred by the player will, in some measure in the future be borne out of revenue received.

Fireman Brown, whose tragical death recently, so shocked the community, was a member of the Fire Brigade F.C. We desire on their behalf and on behalf of all other Metropolitan Soccer Men to offer our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing relatives and friends in their great loss.

GRANVILLE'S REPLY.

Sir,—Your leader in August 19th issue comes very apropos, especially in view of the turmoil here on the matter of taking matches away to W.P.O. Your statement of the case is fair; your conclusion is, however, very weak. Two wrongs do not make a right, therefore your solution of penalising the losing teams by sending them twice to the Clyde Oval to make up for taking the local team (when winning) away out of its turn, is unfair. Granville was the first to support the W.P.O. contract, and are the greatest helpers in carrying it out, and in no way do they wish it to fail. In their opinion, the best way to support it is to so work up a local community of interest on their home ground matches, so that when the team goes away it carries a big crowd of supporters with it. The attendance at the W.P.O. is always greater when the Magpies play there than when other teams are in action, which is proof of the value of our work in building up. We contend that the Metropolitan M.C. are in error, and do not fairly gauge the possible earning power of the game by interfering with the principle of home and away matches. We say if they were played properly and without interference they would bring to W.P.O. much more revenue in the aggregate. In any case the contract was proved a success in its first year, and much improved in the second year. This year it has again bounded up, but at what cost? Canterbury down, and without a home of any kind; their supporters so sick of losing the best fixtures that no interest being forthcoming they have got rid by sale of the playing area, and almost as ominous Granville's revenue has dropped from, roughly, £600 to £300 in the past three years, in spite of the boom of the game, since the war. The allocation of a compassionate allowance in lieu of the matches cannot and will not in any way compensate those clubs.

We give the M.S.F.A. credit for good intentions, but ask for a broader view, and that the principle of home and away matches be adhered to, believing it will be the best for all instead of a section. Your reference, sir, to two matches being taken away is quite right, but looks worse when it is put this way; correctly, it should be seven home and seven away, but by shifting two you have nine away to five at home—a difference of four. The promise to the trust of all the best matches appears to be a snag which the home and away principle

The Sydney Referees' Association has turned itself into a playing association for the remainder of the season. The first match takes place on September 9th at Leichhardt Flat, against the Protestant Church referees. Others proposed are as follows:—South Coast, September 30th; Newcastle, October 7th; and Granville, on October 14th.

bumps, but is it not very often a matter of opinion as to which is going to be the better of a series of fixtures. The promise is honored and scrupulously observed by playing interstate, interdistrict, and Gardiner Cup matches here, together with the best available match of the day, even after conceding the "home and away" principle. We intend to fight vigorously and constitutionally for this principle, as it is a duty we owe to those here who depend on our work, which is bigger than we can carry, as we have a dozen other grounds to maintain and 25 clubs (without counting the schools) to support and finance—all from Clyde Oval, on which we are only weekly tenants, and are at present negotiating for the resumption of another area which will run into big money, and yet we haven't a feather to fly with, but can get credit and financial assistance if we can win out on this vital principle.—Yours faithfully,

BENTLY HYSLOP,
Hon. Secretary G.D.S.A.

Railway Thistles have a good centre forward, one T. Ryan, who has scored 19 goals to date. P. Swan (left back), W. Pavely (goal keeper) and O. Little (outside right) are the makings of first grade players, and should be tried out in the higher grade next season.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1922.

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (GARDINER CUP). Semi Finals.

Granville v. Sydney, Wentworth Oval, 3.15 p.m. Referee: Mr. Stott.

West Wallsend v. Woonona North. Woollongong, 3.15 p.m. Referee: Mr. E. Lukeman.

SECOND GRADE PREMIER-SHIP.

West Sydney v. Two Blues, Wentworth Oval, 1.45 p.m. Referee: Mr. A. L. Peaty.

SUNLIGHT CUP.

Annandale Altona, forfeit from Drummoyne.

Punchbowl v. Hurstville United, Ibrox Park, 3.15. Referee: Mr. McKinnon.

Hornsby Athletic v. Rozelle Rovers, Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2, 3.15 p.m. Referee: Mr. S. Allen.

Garden Island v. Lachlan Rovers, Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2, 1.45 p.m. Referee: Mr. L. Gill.

CARNIVAL MATCH.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Balmain Gladstone, Easton Park. Referee: Mr. E. Jones.

"Sydneyite" writes to point out that while newspaper reports give the impression that their win over Pyrmont in the G.C. was a fluke, actually Pyrmont were on the beaten in every department of the game. Also he declares that either Sydney or Balmain Scottish could defeat either of the two first division teams due for relegation, viz. Canterbury and Eastern Suburbs.

"Fairplay," Rozelle, writes to say that he disagrees with some of the decisions given by the referee in the Cronin Cup fixture at Ibrox Park last Saturday.

Lillyfield succeeded in defeating (4-0) Kogarah A in the Charity Cup at Goodlet Park. A drawn game (2-2) was played at Progress Park. Lillyfield scored one in the first half per Dunn, and three in the second half came from Martin (from a penalty), Irwin, and Manners. White, Martin and Lillyblade proved reliable defenders and the winners.

Leichhardt succeeded in defeating Arncliffe by five goals to one at Goodlet Park. The scores were one all at half time. On resumption with the wind in their favour Leichhardt had all the better of the play. McPherson, McLeod and Connor (2) netting.

Mr. G. Elliot was an efficient referee.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

The final of the Gardiner Cup will be played on September 16th.

The final of the Second Division will be played next Saturday.

On three successive Saturdays Messrs. Lukeman, Wright and again Lukeman have refereed the main fixture on the South Coast.

Messrs. E. Dixon and S. Storey represent the N.S.W. Association at Wollongong to-day.

The M.C. have decided to cut down this journal to twelve pages for the last three editions, commencing to-day. The reason is that with the drawing to a close of the season sales are falling.

If Two Blues beat West Sydney to-day they win their division of the Second Grade; also they are due for promotion to the Second Division next season.

Pyrmont Rangers and Annandale Altona have already secured the same right.

Eastern and Canterbury go to Second Division. North Sydney, Campsie Thistle and Lancashire Society go to Second Grade.

There is a move in the St. George District to form a junior Association there next season.

The move is likely to general support, even from the Metropolitan Juniors.

Mr. C. Packer has done more good work in connection with Junior football, in conjunction with Mr. F. West, than has any other person during the last ten years.

His friends are indignant at the slur cast on him by "Mac" the other week.

The clubs generally are livelier and more enthusiastic now than at the beginning of the season.

It is the intention of several M.C. officials to have instituted in Sydney next year a City Cup Competition, similar to that run by the Rugby League.

Next year it is proposed that an inter-district series be played.

Goulburn wants to be placed, and marked heavily, on the N.S.W. Soccer map. They are anxious to get Sydney to visit there.

Harden also desires a Sydney team.

Mr. Tamlyn is sending a Newcastle team to Comboyne, near Taree.

In the near future we desire to have the country week instituted as regards Soccer football.

Mr. E. Lukeman, hon. sec. of the C.F.A., has received a communication from Mr. Gill, the Australian representative in London, which holds out little hope for a British team to Australasia next season.

GEO. DANE.

Geo. Dane has ended his football career; so he says, at any rate; and he surely knows best. He badly injured his foot against Pyrmont, and had to use a stick to assist him to walk last week. Only light and not more than 5ft. 7in. in height, Geo. was a regular fire-eater on the football field. He has played for Granville all his life, and learnt his football there. He was a sure first time kick and a great tackler. His kicking was sometimes a little wild, but one of his friends said that that was because he was trying to kick the case off the ball. He represented in Queensland last year, and if the writer's memory is correct the year before also. Geo. is still a young man, and it is hoped he will recover from his injury.

HORNSBY.

Hornsby Athletics finish level with Sunlight as runners-up in the A Division of the Second Grade. Last year, in their first year, they reached the semi-final of the Sunlight Cup.

It is pleasing to see a team so far removed from Sydney proper doing so well. They should start a second team next year, and so fill their ground every Saturday.

Wahroonga Grammar School ground is a fine little playing pitch, but is twenty minutes' walk from the station. The Hornsby Club, it is understood, are negotiating for the use of an enclosed ground further down the line. It is hoped that their efforts will be crowned with success.

A schoolboy Soccer team is going to Queensland this year, and is due to leave Sydney on the 20th September.

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PROGRAMME

Saturday, 2nd September, 1922.

Wentworth Park Oval—3.15 p.m.

Referee: Mr. STOTT.

Linesmen: Messrs. A. KERR and W. T. BERRY.

SYDNEY v. GRANVILLE

SYDNEY

(Blue and Black Stripes)

Goalkeeper

V. Paling

Fullbacks

1—G. Montgomery 2—H. Graham

Halves

3—S. Forrester 4—R. Robinson 5—S. Bates

Forwards

7—N. Charlton 9—J. Sherringham

6—D. Neilson 8—A. Doerner 10—F. Mellier-Smith



10—F. Ramsay 8—J. McCrae 6—W. Dane

9—R. Fairweather 7—H. Winter

Forwards

5—H. Spurway 4—J. Comrie 1—L. Leabeater

Halves

2—E. Doherty 3—C. Leabeater

Fullbacks

E. Atchison

Goalkeeper

GRANVILLE

(Black and White Stripes)

Reserves

SYDNEY
11—W. Giachen 12—S. Vippond

GRANVILLE.

Wentworth Park Oval—1.45 p.m.

Referee: Mr. A. PEATY.

WEST SYDNEY v. TWO BLUES

WEST SYDNEY

(Red and Blue Halves)

Goalkeeper

W. Porter

Fullbacks

1—W. Hampson 2—S. Sterrett

Halves

3—A. Toomey 4—H. Graham 5—S. Greig

Forwards

7—G. Burns 9—N. Kelly

6—P. Fleming 8—S. Cooksie 10—T. Wells



10—E. Waldon 8—G. Hopkins 6—C. Mace

9—W. Galloway 7—E. Houston

Forwards

5—A. Chapple 4—S. Hawksley 3—N. Hill

Halves

2—W. Mace 1—S. Griffen

Fullbacks

J. Newhouse

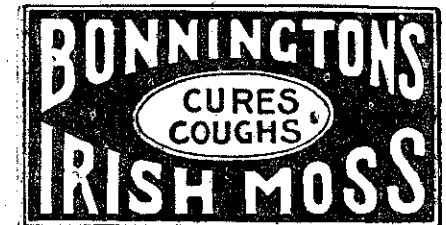
Goalkeeper

TWO BLUES

(Two Blue Stripes)

Reserves:

WEST SYDNEY TWO BLUES
11—F. Buckley 12—G. Doyle 11—R. Dunn 12—A. Peaty



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PROTESTANT CHURCHES SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIA- TION.

Lachlan Rangers A and Austens F.C. met at Hurlstone Park last week, and the result was the same as in the first match of the competition, viz., 3-1 in favour of the Rangers. The pace from start to finish was a cracker, and it speaks volumes for the teams' training that they could stand it. In the first half, Austens (who had the wind) were easily the superior, but failed to net. The score at half time was 0-0. The game was fairly even at the commencement of the second half, after about fifteen minutes play, Harry Free secured at half way, and went through on his own and scored a faultless goal. After a few minutes of fierce play Edwards equalised. Free scored twice again (the first being a fairly easy one), but Austens failed to add to their score. Both teams played faultless football, and neither side appeared to possess the weak link in the chain. Dean and Edwards were the best on the day, though C. Free and H. Powell put up a creditable exhibition. D. Morton missed two rather easy chances. I think 2-1 would have been a true reflex of the game.

At Wardell Rd., All Saints and Will. St. Stephens met, and the recollection of the game should make All Saints ashamed of themselves. The referee had occasion to order one of All Saints (Peter-son) off the field and he refused to go. The acting captain advised him not to go, and even went so far as to prance up to referee and to offer fight. The goalie also assisted his club mates in hurling abuse on the referee. The result is that the P. and D. Committee awarded the match to Will. St. Stephens, and the three delinquent players have been suspended for twelve months.

To-day, Aidans A journey to Willoughby, and should provide a good match, and should result with chances in favour of the Blue and Whites. All Saints meet Lakemba Meth. A at Wardell Rd. All Saints will do well to obey the referee to-day, too, Mr. Thos. Anderson.

If Lachlan Rangers A can reproduce last week's form they should give a good account of themselves against Garden Island on the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, at 1.45 to-day.

Leichhardt Meth. woke up and drew with Lachlan Rangers B last week. Lachlan B seem to be homesick, and can't always field a full team.

Beardsmore, of All Souls A, has been playing good football for All Souls A. Alex. Mission shook up Dul. Hill Bap. A last week, who only won by the odd goal in three, which last goal was scored just on full time.

To-day All Souls A and Lachlan Rangers B meet at Waterloo, and judging by the form displayed by both teams, the Two Blues should have an easy victory.

Lakemba Congs. A and Alex. Mission should have easy wins, though St. Aidans B and Leichhardt Meth. should be a close match, the odds being about even.

Alex. Congs. put it all over Hurlstone Park Congs. last week 6-1. Hurlstone Park were the first to score, but then they went to pieces, one reason being that their opponents were about twice their weight, and that their rep. goalie was away. O. Jones and L. Bains were easily the pick of the Congs., while Williams, at back, defended well for the losers, who fought to a finish. Winning this match gives the comp. to Alexandria Congs. To-day the Congs. meet St. Annes at Meadowbank, and the home team are certain they are going to spoil the record of the hitherto undefeated premiers. Mr. W. H. Gibson will handle the match. If Austral Waratah B reproduce their recent form they should put it over Dul. Hill Bap. B to-day. Judging by the poor display by St. Albans last week, it would not be surprising to see them go under to Hurlstone Park Congs. to-day. St. Andrews and Newtown Congs. will be a

close match, but I doubt if brilliant football will be seen.

Last Saturday All Souls B decided to give the 3rd grade medals to St. Bedes, and so defeated the runners up, Lakemba Congs. B, by the odd goal in five. Souls B are doing well this half, thanks to Kitchen, McMinn and Bolden. Botany Meth. also had a victory last week. These two teams provide the early game at Waterloo to-day, and I rather favour the Souls. St. Albans and Tempe Park Meth. should be an interesting contest, with the odds in favour of Tempe. St. Bedes should towel St. Oswalds up.

Councillors are reminded of the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m., in All Souls School Hall. This will be the last council meeting. At this meeting the personnel of the rep. teams for Saturday, 9th and 16th inst., will be made available.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER. ON LEICHHARDT OVAL.

Rep. Third, Grade v. Granville Third Grade, 1.45 p.m.

Protestant Churches Referees' Assn. v. All Souls A and Austen F.C., 3.15 p.m.

The Lachlan Rangers Football Club has won the First Grade competition of the Protestant Churches Soccer Football Association for the second year in succession, and this with an undefeated record for both years. The Rangers' centre forward and captain has a record number of goals to his credit, 37 for the season, irrespective of representative and other matches. George Dean, the ex-vice-capt. of Canterbury first league plays centre half. In George McCoy, left back, the Rangers have a back the equal, if not better, than most league backs. Wal. Woodward, left half holds the record, and has the honour of playing in two representative matches in the one day. We have in the present season scored 80 goals, and have had 14 scored against us. The Rangers have been drawn against Garden Island in the Sunlight Cup; their career will be watched with interest in this competition.

THE REFEREE.

On many occasions I have referred to the Appointments Board and its duties, and have so far refrained from condemning its practices or methods, unless by hinting that all is not well, and that the Board as at present constituted is not giving entire satisfaction to those most intimately concerned, but the onus is certainly upon me to take up the cudgels on behalf of the Referee's Association, when the matter is publicly ventilated to its detriment, as instanced in the 19th August issue.

I very much question the wisdom of a member of the Board rushing into print on the point in question, even in reply to "Ref," and in keeping with this view, I also condemn the action of a referee citing his grievances, unless through the proper channel, his Association. The proper method is to secure our just demands by constitutional means, and I am very much mistaken if a totally different state of affairs does not exist next season. The old trouble seems to crop up every year, and the Referees' Association has certainly lost prestige by acceding, even in part, to the demands of the Football Association, on every occasion. There is no doubt that anomalies exist at present, as they have done all through the season. The Appointments Board have a hard task to give service equitable to everyone; the trouble, however, now threatens to become a general grievance, and this is to be abhorred.

There is certainly a great deal of new blood at present in the Referees' Association, and I personally think that an association of progressive habits demands new blood to help to shoulder the burden, and also to initial modern ideas, but some consideration should be shown the older members who have borne the brunt of the battle, and stood by the Association, through thick and thin.

I agree with "Ref's" contention that unless the Board is vastly different next season, many old members will be absent, to the detriment of the game in general and the Referees' Association in

particular. The old hands request "honour to whom honour is due," and are willing to be superseded by those who can prove their superiority, but object to be crucified to satisfy the ambition of any member of the Board. No objection is being taken to new members who prove their skill, but all things being equal, preference should certainly be given to old members of proved ability. Is any undue influence asserting itself to the detriment of the old brigade?

Mr. Langford has given us much food for thought. He states that he alone is responsible for the present state of affairs, and, adding insult to injury, he rejoices to think that his efforts in this direction have been marked by success. The contention that new referees have sustained the confidence reposed in them is all very well, and in some cases this is admitted, but what about the referees of many seasons' experience, who have efficiently carried out their duties. Where is the respect due to old and trusty officers? They demand respect, and will, in spite of Mr. Langford, get it.

The same gentleman states that, in spite of adverse criticism, he will persist in the course he has adopted, but it is hoped in the interests of the game that better counsel will prevail. The Referees' Association have lost confidence in him. It is hoped that he will transfer his activities to another branch of the game, where he will, may be, command more respect.

I trust this is not taken as a personal matter, as it is my duty as the representative of the Referees' Association to protect its interests, and no doubt Mr. Langford will admit this, whether, in

his opinion, what I have stated is correct or otherwise.

The Sydney Referees' team for September 9th will be selected from the following, who are requested to be on the ground not later than 2.45 p.m. on the date mentioned:—Messrs. Kerr, Alexander, Jones, Bates, Lester, Gill, O'Toole, Rose, Beattie, Skelly, Cockwell, Hampton, Hayes, Pringle, McLay, Bunfield, Neil, D. Brown, C. Brown and Berry.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES, AUGUST 25th, 1922.

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Granville v. Wallsend, Wentworth Oval (E. Jones). Granville, 3—1.

Sydney v. Burns Anniversary, Clyde Oval (A. L. Peaty). Sydney, 4—1.

SECOND GRADE PREMIERSHIP.

A Division.

Manly v. Sunlight, Brookvale Oval, 3.15 (R. Burns). Sunlight, 3—0.

Annandale Altona v. Botany Albion, Booralee Oval (A. Bates). Annandale Altona, 5—1.

Gladesville v. Metters, Easton Park (L. Gill). Gladesville, 1—0.

Hornsby Athletic receive forfeit from N.S.W. Fire Brigades (Berry). Punchbowl, the bye.

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B Division.

Parramatta District v. Hurstville United, Wentworth Oval (J. Lester). Parramatta, 2—1.

Two Blues v. Callan Park, Callan Park (W. Alexander). Two Blues, 5—0.

Rozelle Rovers v. Abbotsford District, Easton Park (G. Fooks). Rozelle Rovers, 4—0.

St. George v. Drummoyne, Drummoyne forfeited.

West Sydney, the bye.

C Division.

Pymont Rangers v. Metters Ltd., Ibrox Park (G. Skelly). Rangers, 3—0.

Botany Albion v. Gladesville Hospital, Brereton Park (S. Freeman). No match.

Punch Park, the bye.

Railway Thistle and Garden Island receive forfeit.

Linesmen at Wentworth Oval: W. Neil and C. R. Brown; both attended.

CRONIN CUP.

Balmain Gladstone v. Balmain Scottish, Ibrox Park. Balmain Gladstone, 2—1.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

FIRST GRADE PREMIERSHIP.

Team.	First Division.					Goals.	
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Pymont	14	13	1	—	43	11	26
Bel. Fern.	14	12	2	—	38	15	24
Granville	14	7	5	2	30	18	16
Pyr. Rang.	14	7	7	—	24	32	14
Bel. Glad.	14	6	7	1	28	29	13
Gladesville	14	4	7	3	31	39	11
East Sub.	14	1	10	3	19	44	5
Canterbury	14	1	12	1	18	43	3

Second Division.

Team.	Second Division.					Goals.	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sydney	14	10	1	3	37	16	21
Bel. Scot.	14	9	3	2	45	18	21
Can. Dock.	14	8	1	5	25	14	17
Auburn	14	8	1	5	39	17	17
Burns Anniv.	14	6	4	4	28	17	16
Can. Thist.	14	4	4	6	17	26	12
Nth. Syd.	14	3	2	9	27	40	8
Lang. Soc.	14	—	—	14	11	82	—

Referee Towsey writes to say that the system which allows a team to forfeit, provided it pays expenses, is wrong, and should be altered. Three times has he this season walked on to an "empty" ground on account of forfeits. The offenders are mainly junior teams.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A GRADE—SEMI-FINAL.

Another large attendance was recorded at Primrose Park last Saturday when the replay of the A Grade Semi-final between Marrickville Avoca and Canterbury Juniors eventuated, these teams having played a scoreless draw the previous Saturday.

Avoca took the field without their centre half, W. Speechly, who, through injuries sustained in the previous match, had to stand down, his place being taken by Jones. From the kick off Canterbury forced the pace and hemmed in the Avoca defence for fully fifteen minutes, during which time many glimpses of combination were given by their forwards.

The Avocas, however, were first to score; a pass from the left wing was misjudged by Howarth, the 'Bury' goalie, but Wright, centre forward, failed to score, and Platt following up retrieved his skipper's fault, secured and netted. This reverse inspired the Blue and Gold, and many attempts to score were nullified by the splendid defence of Williams and Kermond. Jones, the centre half, when in front of his own goal, badly mis-kicked; Ogle, the goalie, cleared, but Gray met the rebound and netted, making the scores equal.

Before half-time Canterbury were awarded a penalty for "hands," and Paull made no mistake.

The second half opened with Canterbury having slightly the better of exchanges; the Avoca eleven were apparently over anxious, and many miskicks were noticeable.

The closing stages were in favor of Avoca, who repeatedly stormed the Canterbury citadel with shots.

The final whistle sounded with Canterbury winners by two goals to one.

The best player on the field was Joass, who played a remarkably

good game. Bennett and Marshall also were seen to advantage.

The pick of the Avoca players were Kermond, Back, Platt and Heagney.

RICHARDSON CUP.

The replay between Dulwich Hill Athletic and Balgownie was played as an early fixture to the A Grade semi-final, and Dulwich Hill had no trouble in winning by three goals to nil.

To-day at Primrose Park early the Athletics will meet Marrickville Avoca, and the winners play Lambton. Dulwich Hill have not yet been defeated by a Sydney team, and being the prospective winners of the A Grade First Division the game should be interesting.

Can Avoca demoralise the Athletic defence?

Kogarah, having been beaten by Auburn District by their protest being dismissed, have now finished their season; it is a pity that teams such as Kogarah, who had great chances of reaching the final, do not think before they act, and therefore save all trouble of protests being lodged.

B GRADE.

The first division is still in doubt pending the appeals of the Newtown Club, which, up to the time of meeting, had not been heard. Leichhardt, who defeated the Newtown team on protest, are leading, with Newtown second.

The second division has been won by Bankstown, who now await their opponents for the B Grade Premiership.

C GRADE.

Canterbury Juniors have won the first division, the other two divisions are still undecided. In the second division Pymont and Rozelle are equal, but a protest by the latter against Annandale has not been heard.

The third division still awaits the decision of council in reference to Pymont, who were disqualified.

Saturday, 2nd September, 1922.

Easton Park, 3.15.

BALMAIN FERNLEIGH v. BALMAIN GLADSTONES
(CARNIVAL MATCH).

Referee: Mr. R. BURNS.

Early Match, 1.45.

ANNANDALE ALTONA v. SUNLIGHT
(PRACTICE MATCH).

NOTE.—The following events will be decided during the afternoon:—

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NOVELTY EVENTS.

Sydney Cricket Ground, No. 2.

at 3.15.

HORNSBY ATHLETIC v. ROZELLE ROVERS

at 1.45.

GARDEN ISLAND v. LACHLAN RANGERS
(SUNLIGHT CUP)

"THE SONGS OF BILL."

I 'ates like anything a blessed
boast;
But when I sees that we are fer
the Coast,
I reckons that we got their team
on toast;
And then, o' course, with me upon
the wing,
Gettin' the limelight that me speed
can bring;
But still I 'ates a skite like any-
thing.

So Gladys does the football trip
with me,
She likes the views and bonzer
scenery;
And things is going well as they
can be;
But on the quiet the hours seemed
to pass
A little drylike, but of course a
glarss
Of water fixed me lovely, and we
went first clars.

When we was on the field about
ter start,
I feels a sudden stab go through
me 'eart,
To see a great big rough coot kiss
me, tart!

The impire takes the field, the
whistle blew,
But there was only one course ter
persoo;
So off the blankey field like mad I
flew.

They yelled and screeched at me to
bring me back,
And follers me just like a huntin'
pack,
As I comes onward to the bold
attack.

I'd show 'im 'oo I was, but keep
quite calm
In case I does the blighter too
much 'arm;
When, gee! I spots 'em arm in
arm.

And then me temper flares up sud-
den 'ot,
I seems ter go clean off me blanky
dot,

And floors a big fat gapin' feller
on the spot.
He tells the lads ter grab me 'ands
and feet,

In case I damage all of their main
street;
But I breaks through and plants a
beauty neat.

I fights like mad, and 'ears 'or say,
"Oh, Bert,

Don't 'it 'im back,—you know you
always 'urt';
I feels she's dragged me in the very
dirt.
They says the fight was most spec-
tacular,
And I was of the two the brightest
star;
And Gladys says she daren't tell 'er
ma!

I says to 'er as she bound up me
'ead:
"Is Bertie maimed fer life? or is
'e dead?"

"You couldn't 'urt a fly," was what
she said.
I felt surprised and yet a trifle
queer,
I thought perhaps I might 'ave 'urt
me ear;
She says: "es goin' 'ome to chal-
lenge Carpenter."

"He is the one the papers talk
about,
And 'he's me' brother. Gee! he
knocked you out
With his own speschul brand of
fancy clout."
I'm done with Gladys, she was
calm and crooi;
She smiled and said I looked a
norful fool,
And says I should a' learned to
fight at school.

She rubs it in the while me bruises
smarts,
And so I says to 'er, I'm done
with tarts,
They make yer love them, and they
breaks yer 'earts.

SYDNEY.

Everyone is pleased at the suc-
cess of the Sydney Club. Every-
one recognises it as a club made
up of real first-class sports and
gentlemen. For a long time
"handed" by Secretary and Goal-
keeper Vic. Paling, but for the last
two years by G. Bayer, the club
seems to have at last acquired the
knack of winning matches. For-
merly, they were always able to
put up a good game, but were
generally beaten by the odd goal.
Their career in the G.C. will be
watched with more than casual in-
terest on account of their sensa-
tional knocking out of Pyrmont.

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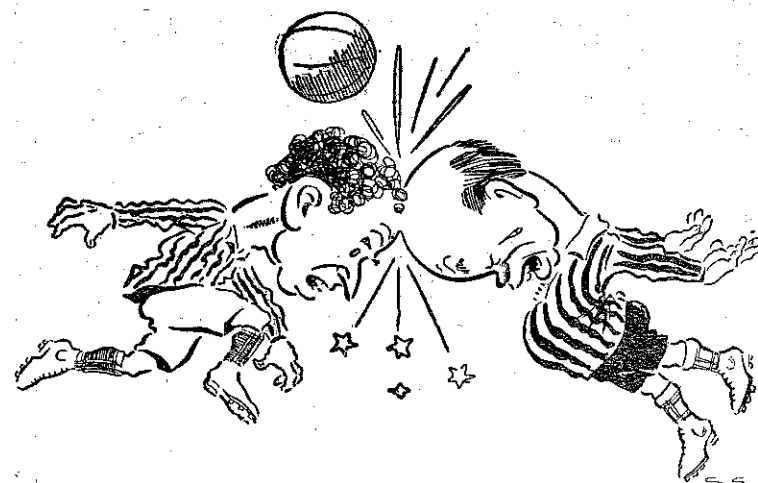
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